SRI LANKA

Location: Southern Asia, island in the Indian Ocean, south of India
Capital: Colombo
Government Type: Presidential Republic
Area:
Total: 65,610 sq km
Land: 64,630 sq km
Water: 980 sq km
Population: 22,156,000 (2021) WB
Population Density: (per sq KM) 354 (2020)
Population Growth Rate: 1.1 (2021) WB
Population below Poverty Line: 25.6% (2022) WB
Ethnic Groups: Sinhalese 74.9%, Sri Lankan Tamil 11.2%, Sri Lankan Moors 9.2%, Indian Tamil 4.2%, other 0.5% (2012 est.)
Climate: Tropical monsoon; northeast monsoon (December to March); southwest monsoon (June to October)
Natural Resources: Limestone, graphite, mineral sands, gems, phosphates, clay, hydropower.
Languages: Sinhala (official and national language) 74%, Tamil (official and national language) 18%, other 8%
Religions: Buddhist (official) 70.2%, Hindu 12.6%, Muslim 9.7%, Roman Catholic 6.1%, other Christian 1.3%, other 0.05% (2012 est.)
Land Use: Agricultural Land: 45.5% (2020) WB (arable land 22.2%; Permanent crops 16.2%( 2020) WB. Permanent pasture 7%)
Forest: 34.2% (2020)
Other: 27.1%
Natural Hazards: Occasional cyclones and tornadoes
Literacy: 92% (2020)
GDP - Real Growth Rate: 3.3% (2021) WB
GDP - Per Capita (PPP): $14,706.5 (2021) WB
Exports: $16.9 billion (2021) WB
Export Commodities: Textiles and apparel, tea and spices; rubber manufactures; precious stones; coconut products, fish
Improved Drinking Water Source: 92% of population (2020) WB
Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 94% of population (2020) WB